

at the Claremont School of Theology from 1992–2000, teaching church administration with his coauthors in four states.

Frank was recognized numerous times for his unselfish devotion, including the Paul Harris Award, one of the highest honors Rotary International bestows upon an individual, and the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce Strathearn Lifetime Achievement Award.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Elsie; sons, Mark and Paul; their wives, Luene and Barbara; and grandchildren, Lauren and Peter, as well as his two older brothers, Harold and Henry.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join Janice and me in offering our condolences to Elsie and the Witman family, and in remembering a remarkable man whose life of service will live on in all those whose lives he touched.

HONORING MR. MATTHEW
LEONARD SIMMONS, JR.

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the life and legacy of the late Mr. Matthew Leonard Simmons, Jr., a constituent in the congressional district I represent. It is with both profound sadness, but also an enduring sense of gratitude that I recognize him for the tremendous inspiration he provided to the South Florida community.

Mr. Simmons was born on January 31, 1956 in Miami, Florida to Mrs. Blanche Simmons and the late Mr. Matthew L. Simmons, Sr. He was a product of the Miami-Dade Public School System and graduated from Miami Jackson Senior High School.

Soon thereafter, Mr. Simmons faithfully and patriotically served his country by joining the United States Army's 82nd Airborne Division. He attained the rank of sergeant before being honorably discharged in 1979.

Mr. Simmons was blessed with a loving family who took pleasure in every aspect of his life and his interests. I offer my heartfelt condolences to the Simmons family.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and all the members of this esteemed legislative body to join me in recognizing the extraordinary life and accomplishments of Mr. Matthew Leonard Simmons, Jr. He will be missed by all who knew him, and I appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute to him before the United States House of Representatives. While he will indeed be missed, his legacy, as well as the outstanding contributions he made to South Florida and our nation as a United States Army veteran will live on.

CONGRATULATING THE PARK
RIDGE FINE ARTS SOCIETY ON 50
YEARS OF SUMMER CONCERTS

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Park Ridge Fine Arts Soci-

ety as they celebrate 50 years of providing free summer concerts for the community. The purpose of the Park Ridge Fine Arts Society is to provide a musical showcase and the means for enjoyment of serious music through free community concerts, and to engage in such activities and programs that will foster all of the fine arts. The concerts draw crowds of 1,500 to 3,500 people, with a season total of more than 30,000 concertgoers.

These concerts are a wonderful way not only to bring beautiful, professional music to the community, but also to bring neighbors together and build a sense of community. Summer in Park Ridge is enriched by these wonderful weekly concerts in Hodges Park.

Frank York established the Park Ridge Fine Arts Symphony Orchestra and the Park Ridge Fine Arts Society 50 years ago and remained at the helm of the organization, driven by his vision of excellence, until 2005. Throughout the organization's history, it has maintained the highest artistic standards. The Park Ridge Fine Arts Symphony Orchestra is produced and coordinated by the Park Ridge Fine Arts Society to perform the summer concerts. It is a fully professional orchestra, made up of superb musicians from throughout the Chicago area, devoted to bringing the excitement and beauty of great classical music to the northwest suburbs.

I want to recognize the great work of the people who make sure that the concerts are of the highest quality and are available to the community each summer: Barbara Schubert, musical director and conductor; Emily Toy Kosaka, president; Daniel Aranda, vice president; Dennis Van Mieghem, treasurer; Dawn Himley-Grandi, secretary; and the board of directors: Ken Boyce, Pam Boyce, Kevin P. Costello, Doug Crawford, Mike Grandi, Mary Jersey, Russ Jersey, Jim Lange, Paul Lundberg, Debbie Maggio, Mike Maggio, Jack Owens, Christel Owens, and Nancy Tordai.

The orchestra and its concert series in Park Ridge is truly one of the great jewels of the northwest suburbs.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4173,
DODD-FRANK WALL STREET RE-
FORM AND CONSUMER PROTEC-
TION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, our mission from the American people was simple: pass Wall Street Reform that puts consumers first, holds Wall Street and Big Banks accountable, and ends the era of taxpayer-funded bailouts and "too-big-to-fail" institutions. By passing this legislation, we have fulfilled that mission.

We ensure that taxpayers are never again on the hook for Wall Street's risky decisions. We enable regulators to shut down "too big to fail" banks before they take down the system. We impose tough new rules on the riskiest financial practices that were at the root cause of the crisis. We place a fiduciary duty on brokers to act in the best interests of their clients. We create a new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and end the reliance on credit rating agencies that gave triple-A ratings to

risky mortgage-backed securities that they didn't understand or investigate.

To those who ask: will the Wall Street Reform we passed last night prevent another financial meltdown in the future—I answer with a firm and resounding yes.

HONORING CAPTAIN E. LORENZO
DICASAGRANDE

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the life of Captain E. Lorenzo DiCasagrande, a shipping executive who helped transform Baltimore into a nationally recognized container port and thus contributed to the economic vitality of Maryland communities.

Captain DiCasagrande, who passed away May 21, 2010, was vice president of the Mediterranean Shipping Company for more than 20 years and was an early advocate of the Port of Baltimore. Within one year of joining the company, he had established weekly service for the line from East Coast ports, including Baltimore's South Locust Point Marine Terminal, which had previously been served by one ship once every two weeks. The company brought 8,000 containers each year to the South Locust Point shipping berth.

Captain DiCasagrande then paved the way for the success of the Seagirt Marine Terminal in 1990 by being the first container line to commit to the then-new terminal. Today, the company is committed to 150,000 containers a year and is still growing, with five ship calls every week to the Seagirt terminal. In fact, the Mediterranean Shipping Company is Baltimore's top container customer.

Earlier this year, Captain DiCasagrande celebrated with Maryland port officials as they broke ground on a new 50-foot berth for the Port, a long-time vision for him. The project will support 5,700 jobs and, when completed, accommodate larger ships and attract more cargo to Baltimore. It will help Baltimore maintain its current customers and attract new ones that will come aboard the larger ships of the future.

A native of Italy, Captain DiCasagrande adopted Baltimore as his second home, fiercely defending the city in business negotiations. He worked hard to win customers and built a strong relationship with the port community, elected officials and his employees. His friends and business associates alike described him as a great leader, well-respected and well-liked. He was also a dedicated husband, father and grandfather.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me today to honor the life of Captain Lorenzo E. DiCasagrande. His dedication as a tireless advocate for the Port of Baltimore is deserving of the utmost gratitude. He deserves credit for helping bring more cargo to Baltimore's piers and creating thousands of jobs for Maryland families.